WILMINGTON, N. C., MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1855. Our District Convention.

We take it for granted that the approaching Convention at Clinton is to be purely a Democratic Convention-that the delegates there to assemble will meet together for the purpose of ascertaining the will and wish of the domocrats of the district in regard to who shall be the democratic candidate for congress at the election in August. Now, in view of these considerations, of which, we presume, all will admit the force, we would beg leave to place before our readers the following resolution copied from the proceedings of the Democratic Convention in the fourth district, which we commend to the attention and careful consideration of our democratic friends in this RESOLVED, That, in voting for a candidate in Convention that the vote be cast by Counties, and that any delegate delegation from each county.

The object of the Convention being to arrive at the will of the Democrats of the District, we sincerely think the above is the fair and proper mode of doing so. It gives to the delegation from each county the precise weight to which the Democrats they represent are entitled and no more. Voting upon the basis of the representation to which each county is entitled in the House of Representatives is manifestly unequal, since it gives to the five or six hundred Democratic voters of Columbus or Bladen no more influence than to the one hundred of Richmond The thing will strike every reader at once, and at present we shall content ourselves with commending it to their attention. The basis of the last vote for Governor is about the most unfavorable that could be selected for this county, but if, through our own apathy or our own divisions, we submitted to a reduction of our Democratic vote, it is but right that we should also submit to a reduction of our influence in the conventions of the District, until we shall have come up again to the right mark, and re-established ourselves in that position to which our real strength entitles us.

Instead of this, it seems that they have chosen to to throwing a flat-iron at Burr's physmyhogany. strictly right in every step of the controversy now shot

The truth seems to be that, in the effort to secure the control of the new territory and future State, both parties, pro-slavery and anti-slavery, are using every means in their power to carry the elections, and that, in furtherance of this object, men have crossed the line from the neighboring States to vote, as well from Iowa as from Missouri, and that the Governor, as in duty bound, has endeavored to prevent illegal voting by persons not bona fide residents of the territory as prescribed by the law organizing it, hence the outcry which has been raised against him on all hands .-But, be this as it may, the means resorted to to get rid of him are illegal, unjustifiable, and must do harm. They must deprive the South of that strong position are two sides, and, wherever there is a side left to be of right and legality, which it has held against Northern fanaticism, and should therefore be discouraged eventually be found some one to take it, either in deby Southern men.

OUR STEAMER .- As will be seen by the foreign news, our one steamship-the pioneer of steamship communication between Wilmington and the Northhas gone down in the deep waters. The North Carolina made two or three trips out here. We all went down and looked at her-we considered her "some ship." Saturday, the 14th instant, one week later than for-We, that is to say, the Editors, gave her Jimensions mer advices. and all about her, and puffed her up generally after the orthodox usage of editors in such cases. We Since then, apparently, the debate has been suspendgave full sweep to our imagination, and there rose ed, and it was not known when another meeting the representatives of England and France to this quested. When forwarded no additional postage up before it whole acres of screw-steamers as well as would be held. paddle-wheels, plying between this port and those of The British government advertises a new loan, the Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, California, officially announced on Monday, the 16th. Australia, Shallotte and Little River, to say nothing | Skirmishing continued to be held before Sebastoof New York, New Orleans and other cities soon to pol, but nothing serious had occurred up to the 6th. sink into comparative insignificance in presence of out rising splendors. We fancied the Journal swelled out to the dimensions of three blankets, two com- forcements. [This proves the report about the death forts and a "spread"-filled with all sorts of adver- of Omar Pacha. &c., to have been unfounded.] tisements too numerous to mention, and, most glorious of all, the Editors were to be rich-worth a million a minute, for at least one minute on an average .-But only to think of the cruel persecutions of an untoward fate. The steamer returned to the North and the allies are reported British government as an accomplice in killing people at Sebastopol, carrying Minie Rifles and double-barrelled Irishmen with percussion locks and red coats. Now all our hopes are very finally at an end. to form the acres of steamers is " in the deep bosom of the ocean buried." We leave the reader to "phanzy for that have yet taken place. our pheelinx."

Godey, Graham and Putnam for May, are on our table, where they have been left by Mr. Whitaker.

Godey is a pleasant, gossipy affair, made up of literature and lace, fancy and fashions, with directions for cookery and crochet-work, all marvellously mixcertainly is not for the uglier half of creation. Graham relies rather more upon its literary character. It used to be quite a substantial work in the days when it numbered Cooper and Irving and Longfellow, and other standard writers among its contributors. It has rather sunk of late unto the slip-slop of the "Marian Harlands," and the "Minnie Myrtles," and the "Sally Dogwoods" that flood the world with trash.

Putnam is, upon the whole, the nearest approximation to a genuine American magazine, of a high and manly literary tone, without slip-shop tom-foolery. It has grave faults, but it has also great merits. It twaddle like Godey, and in literary ability it stands above Graham or any of its competitors.

All for sale by Whitaker; price 25 cents per num-

WHAT ARE WE TO THINK .- It so happens that within a few hours of the penning of these remarks said to be politicians, so far as being a politiciam implies the taking of a public part in politics; but it so ng election in that State is referred to. The friend of one gentleman, writing from a Western county, seems to entertain no doubt of the election of Mr. from Norfolk or thereabouts, feels equally certain that the Know-Nothings will carry everything before

in good faith and with no disposition to deceive, and may cast the whole Democratic vote of said County as polled | no end to be gained by deception, are so variant in in the Gubernatorial election of 1854; and that each dele- their calculations and est mates, we can easily ungation determine for whom the vote of said County shall be derstand how accounts in newspapers may also miscast in such manner as may be determined in caucus by the lead, or how excited partizans may readily deceive less the U.S., assume that they will hold the authorthemselves and others.

Now, when those on the ground differ, what are notice to the Supreme Government at Madrid. we here to think, and how are our opinions to be ormed? The wish, in such cases, is generally parent to the thought-what we hope for we are easily persuaded to believe, and thus, self-deceived, we beto consist in playing the brag-game, as is the custom of that sect.

without a sly sprinkling of fun. We take it for granttive, wanting alike in keenness of perception and geniality of nature. The Watchman rejoices in single- is, that there is to be no trouble, and news writers will his rivals—in 4.194!!! blessedness, and as misery loves company so do we convey the same idea; but I believe the Commodore It strikes us that some of the people of Kansas, warm to the unfortunate editor of that paper. To will do his duty, notwithstanding the coach—and or of the border countries of Missouri, are acting very say that married men and fat men are good natured foolishly as well as improperly; that in their zeal for is, in our opinion, a mistake. There is Powell of the firm action for peace or war, as may consist with the A. Lecomte & Co.'s ch. f. by imp. Glenslavery, they are doing much that must eventually Cheraw Gazette, an old and experienced benedict, national honor. We have no further determinations, coe. dam by im Priam, prejudice the cause they set themselves up to defend. and a man of comfortable rotundity; and yet he did as I have said, for the State prisoners remaining on J. M. Wilson's ch. g by im. Yorkshire, Violence and illegality cannot fail to produce a reac- actually express the wish that we-the Journal man, tion against the cause which they claim to assist, and, by way of subduing our asperities, should get marin the end produce a state of things deeply to be re- ried-have our nose flattened by a smoothing iron and our hair combed with a three legged stool, the justly or unjustly we do not pretend to say, nor is is, almost equal in cruelty to the awful quiz put ceedure by representations in the proper quarter. est cut of all. It amounts, metaphorically speaking,

take the matter into their own hands-to threaten to We have been intending, for some days past, to nodrive the Governor out of the Territory, and either tice a beautiful gold medal and silver cup, now at the to elect a Governor on their own hook or to dictate store of Messrs. Brown & Anderson, on Market Street. have been driven out. Now, this is nothing more inscription stating it is to be " presented by the memnor less than plain revolution—a direct nullification bers of the German Volunteer company to their offiexists in this country. A war party is, of all evils, The contents, if there is any money or other valuabastopol. of laws constitutionally enacted, and a defiance of cers, for the best shot, May 1, 1855." It is of fine the very worst, when no cause for war exits. It in bles, will be returned to the person mailing them, duly constituted authority. This is wrong, no matter gold, and a really creditable affair. It was gotten cludes all other evils, and thus may be likened to providing the postmaster in this c ty can find them, how unpopular Reeder may be, and we need hardly up by Messrs. B. & A. The cup is to be presentsay how vitally important it is for the South to be ed to the German Volunteer Brass Band, for the best in which the writer glorified war, lamenting the ef-

> The Commercial of this morning has an article in sion of our personal opinion only.

> 63- THE OTHER SIDE. - To every question there taken, no matter how unpopular at first, there will fence of some interest, real or fancied, or from the natural contentiousness of humanity.

ARRIVAL OF THE AFRICA. ONE WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

HALIFAX, April 25 .- The royal mail steamer Africa arrived here last night, with Liverpool dates to

The Vienna conference had held another meeting on the 8th instant, without arriving at a result .-

amount of which was not known, but it would be

The position of Omar Pacha and the Russians at Eupatoria was unchanged, except that the former has enlarged his line of detence to receive his rein-The steamer North Carolina has sunk, in conse-

quence of a collision off Holyhead; all hands were The Baltic was still full of floating ice.

New complications of the relations between Prussia The weather at the Crimea had become quite plea-

The new Czar is determined to carry out fully the views of his father, and will not accede to any peace proposition that is contrary with the ultimatum of

The indications of peace are less hopeful; indeed. Our million a minute has melted into the thin- those best informed throughout England and France nest sort of air. The neucleus around which was do not calculate upon it at all. It was thought that fighting would begin before Sebastopol very soon and with terrible effect. The greatest battles were looked Affairs throughout Spain were in a very unsettled

condition. There had been some indications of revolution, and several arrests made. A disposition ex-

It is believed in Vienna that the conference will was a humbug. In fact, from his knowledge of ased. Godey must be a good book for the ladies, as it prove entirely ineffective. They are waiting for ad- tronomy, he knew the thing could not be done !vices from St. Petersburgh.

> England was much excited, and anxious for peace France seems indifferent as to the result. The weather in England was favorable, and the

rops rather promising. Affairs in Ireland unchanged. Nothing definite from the Danubian region. The news generally is without very special moment.

Further from Havana. New Orleans, April 26 .- The steamer Grenada. from Havana, with dates to the 23d has arrived here.

Sugars were firm with an upward tendency. It an advantage in the four miles of over 377 feet, The forbidding of a man to kiss his wife on Sunis believed that the crop is short, and planters have which, at Lexington's rate of travel, it would have day is not half so ridiculous as the endeavor to preincreased their demands, but quotations are unaltered. taken 8 seconds to run, whereas he beat Lecompte's vent him from being shaved, from the fact that the

Later from Havana.

The steamer Isabel arrived at Charleston on the 28th we have been conversing, at different times, with two linst., with Havana dates to the 25th. She brings no gentlemen, both Whigs, or who were Whigs when news of importance. The Island was quiet. The O. Crescent they had a party of that name to belong to. Neither correspondent of the Charleston Standard, in speakof these gentlemen, to whom we now refer, can be ing of political matters says that the press of Havana "are permitted to publish and sell pamphlets upon the subject of " negro emancipation," preparing the public mind for the inevitable issue of British policy, happens that each of them has very recently received which is to destroy Cuba, and be an evil upon your a letter from a friend in Virginia, in which the com- borders, that may require years hence, much blood nd treasure of the Federal common-wealth to remove. While this is true, it is also true that there are papers in the United States heart and part in the cause of England and France, with the whole power Wise; the friend of the other gentleman, writing of their advocacy, forget that if realized to the extent derived by England, that the mills, spindles, and looms of the North will be touched, beyond the power of rivalry, with British industry. The civilization of the world will justify the United States in any course When private letters, thus written to private friends, that may be determined for the consummation of the national honor or the national prosperity."

"The mission here can be only one of enquiry, unties of Cuba responsible for the aggressions they permit and justify, which cannot be without due On Sunday last we had a great parade and devic,

of self-respect. What, may have been the policy, I the grass was very green, and then she deliberately a truthful report of circumstances and facts, to con- year olds - 2 mile heats.

[From the Baltimore Sun.1

The United States and Cuba. There is considerable agitation of the public mind respecting the designs of our government in connex It would appear that Governor Reeder is unpopu- said smoothing-iron and three legged stool being ion with certain movements towards Cuba, and esrespect to late proceedings of the Cuban officials, inconsistent with the solemnly-declared policy of our country and offensive to the national honor. So be it. cle in the Philapelphia Ledger of the 24th inst We cannot suppose any one will object to this .-

> bottom. We encountered a paragraph the other day postage stam s on the envelope, but of an insufficient feminate condition of the nation under the influences them to their destination. On two requiring ten of peace, and rejoiced exceedingly in anticipation of hostilities with Cuba, Spain, and any or all other nawhich the refusal of the South Carolina Railroad to tions of the world. Such a man is tolerated outside letters are the same as if they contained no stamps at take North Carolina money under any circumstances, of a lunatic asylum simply because his madness is all, for the reason that none but paid letters are sent is rather indignantly dwelt upon. This is no new not likely to hurt anybody. Rational, intelligent through the mails. The public should bear in mind thing. We remember complaining of this some three me., who have something at stake in the world, will that no letters will be forwarded unless they are prenever desire war, and certainly can never be induced or four years ago. The conductors not only refuse to esteem a state of war as a social or political bless- ble. to touch it, but they are generally rude and insolent ing. But when the necessity of war is imposed upon in their manner of refusal. From the head to the tail us no man will consent that the nation should be that the regulation in regard to domestic letters inof the South Carolina Railroad, it is a pompous, disobliging, grasping, ill-mannered concern. This has we have yet to learn. If the necessity becomes ap- lowing words: been our personal experience of it, and is the expres- parent, however, we must be prompt to recognise it. "Letters part paid should be despatched, charged

government of the United States has sincerely and according to distance, established by said act, (of designs of the "fillihusters." Yet, notwithstanding the correct amount is known to have been intentionthis, ves-els carrying the United States flag are constantly exposed to impertinent delay, official search, and other indignities not warranted by the relations are existing between the two countries. Our citizens are existing between the two countries. Our citizens are follows: oted or shot down like dogs, so long as the Canedos turned monthly to the dead letter office." and Conchas of that ill-stirred land could do it with

One feature of the current theme is particularly warded " government that these two nations will interpose for should be charged if the letter, contrary to its adthe protection of Spain against the United States. If dress, has been missent. If it has been sent accordthis is true—but we are obliged to doubt—it is a graing to its address, and then forwarded, it must be tuitous impertinence. Is the United States to subsist forever under the menaces of England and France? and are we never to achieve the indepen- March 3, 1855."-Washington Union, 26th inst. dence we have declared? Can we not despatch a vessel of-war upon a mission of our own but the government is to be reminded of the power and purpose of England and France? Abused and misrepresented as we have been by the statesmen and presses of these two countries, our career is unstained by those national crimes and injustice which are sometimes blazoned with pride upon their escutcheons.

Why, then, these constant impertinences? Are they designed to provoke an indignant retaliation, and thus to invite and sustain an estrangement parallel and thus to invite an estrange and did come back to gladden our eyes any more. She want and favorable. The weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating and did come back to gladden our eyes any more. She sant and favorable. The allied troops were begin. We suspect so. In any case the offence is with Eng-went to Enrope in hones of getting engaged by the ping to suffer considerably from sickness. The book of the flourishing village at Long Creek Bridge, and in the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong, with the weather at the Crimea had become quite pleating our very strong our land and France; and however sharp the rebuke of their insolence may be, it is of their own seeking .- excitement. We have not interfered with them in their affairs with Russia, yet we may well suspect their purpose and prosperity. New buildings are in the process of with respect to Turkey. They hold their Vienna erection all over the town, and a general spirit of acconference free from protest, or remonstrance, or meddling impertinence, at our hands. And we must assert our right to negotiate with Spain, or with any other power, upon any subject of interest to us, entirely free from the offensive intimations and diplomatic menaces of the "western powers."

TELEGRAPHIC .- When it was first reported that Professor Morse had succeeded in conveying intellithe wires of the Magnetic Telegraph, one old savan, May, at which time and place there will be a public dinner party was the Hibernian, the master, who told the Austria and Prussia have taken no new steps, but who had been a schoolmaster and a member of the given, and all interested are invited to attend. eem rather more favorably inclined towards Russia. Legislature, gave it as his opinion that the report Shortly after, O'Reilly's men were seen setting the Affairs throughout Germany were comparatively poles by the old man's dwelling. One day he joined man, is trying to have his gin exempted from the stretching the wires. Upon being asked what he law. He claims that it is a drug, and imparts the thought of the matter then, he hesitated a moment— following information concerning it, which will be THE Subscriber offers for sale a fine Stallion, 3 years old, assuming an air of importance—and then replied : _ interesting and quite new to the majority of men who the subject considerable attention, and of much inves- agreeable and palatable medicine, and quite successtigation and reflection, I have come to the conclusion ful as a preventive of disease, when taken with hot that it may answer very well for small packages, but water and sugar, with or without a squeeze of a

Two Sides .- A writer in a Southern journal, un-All was quiet. The U. S. steamer San Jacinto and dertakes to prove that Lecompte beat Lexington! on track, and the writer proves that this fact gave him editor, who is a man of taste, adds :

A First Rate Race. The following rich description of a race over the Metairie Course, for the Louisiana Jockey Club's

third day, is worth reading. We copy from the N. "Yesterday was one of the most brilliant and beautiful days that has shone over and illuminated our city since last summer's sun went down to sojourn among the Hesperides. The face of all nature Dryads and Hamadryads than at any time since the acres, covered mostly by wooden buildings of no clearer, and the old oaks more like to the haunts of commencement of the Union Course races. We also great value. noticed three mares, two geldings and a jackass in the enclosure within the track.

On our arrival at the Metairie Course, at precisely five minutes before three, there were twenty-one people in attendance! As the excitement increased, the crowd did the same, and when the noble animals came forth that were to run for glory and a purse of \$200, there could not have been less than a hundred stroyed persons present. The entries were a gelding, by Relative to the mission of Commodore M'Cauly, Yorkshire, and a Glencoe filly. The odds, so far as we were able to learn, varied from two and a half to ten dollars even - the favorite being generally selected by pitching up a half dollar, and betting on head or tail-the head frequently winning.

At the tap of the drum the fiery coursers left the goal and sprang to their work at the rate of about four miles an hour. By the time they had got to of all the troops that could be mustered, including the half mile the filly was fully forty yards ahead, the black and white volunteers, the last two classes running like a scared calt. On the last turn there appearing to great advantage over the regular sol. was a strong suspicion that some interested party diers. This gathering numbered some 7500 or 8000 had tied a tin pan to the colt's tail, as he increased come frequently the deceivers of others; and where, men, and was creditable as a "milita training" The his speed, to, at least, three miles an hour. Both the added to this, we find the uniform policy of a party costume was certainly neat and becoming for field fiery steeds thundered by the judges' stand in clouds service, while the material of the volunteers is phis- of dust, in two minutes and two seconds, cheered to ically superior to that brought from old Spain. We their arduous labors and noble rivalry by the shouts of the Know-Nothings, we are prepared to listen with had the pleasure of seeing Commodore McCauly on of four enthusiastic negro boys. As they passed the considerable composure to the extravagant calcula- the ground in the carriage of the Captain General, stand, the filly, unfortunately for the greatness and tions made by the papers, the orators and the strikers attended by Captain Stribling, and aid-de-camp of turf renown of the day, suddenly remembered that Gen. Concha, the Count of Villanneva. We were she had not had her dinner, and stopping short, let ed by fire on the wharves, and compelled to escape in not particularly gratified that the "old commodore" her rider roll off in the dirt. Happily, the law of The Black River, S. C., Watchman, just receiv- should have been so directly "tapped" -- or trapped projectiles prevented his being thrown off, and he ed, announces its entrance upon the fifth year of its -and are with the opinion that, with or without escaped with a slight contusion on the hind-sights. existence. The Watchman is a good paper and not sound limbs, he might have been present with other Having accomplished this truly unexpected feat, the modes of conveyance without incivility, or with loss filly continued her stride to the back stretch, where

that the Government of the United States will have April 19 .- Entrance \$50. Purse \$200-for two will be no lasting peace, says he, except on one con-

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Post Office Department.

The Mail Lettings for Virginia, North and South lar with certain portions of these people-whether flung or wielded by our loving spouse. Why, that pecially the sailing of Commodore McCauley for the will make known his decisions on the proposals that others—the "nasty foreigners," the d Antilles. We do not suppose he intends to offer the received for conveying the mails in Virginia, North French-think of it. Baltic hero a practical lesson adapted to Constadt by Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida for It was, to be sure, a very unkind cut of Mr. Girarthe decision of this question at all important in this upon him of the Herald when he praised him for his a bembardment of the more Castle; but we infer the regular contract term for four years from the first din's to be so disagreeable towards his ally as to tell connection. If there are reasons why he should be good looks! Just think of the beauty of the Herald from certain facts wearing a sufficiently authentic of July next, and also on routes in other States in the him a thing so hurting to his feelings as a "gentleremoved there is a proper mode and manner of pro- man. This bitter irony of the Gazette is the unkind- aspect that the government of the United States has Union established by act of August 3, 1854. for shor- man." It was such a nice dream to have Sebastopol on Monday the 30th inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m.

> umount to warrant the postmaster in forwarding cents postage were two three-cent stamps, the amount of postage on each being short four cents. All such paid in full. Remember this, and save yourself trou-

On inquiry at the Post Office Department, we learn hostilities with Spain respecting the action of Cuba the additional postage. The regulation is in the fol-

It will be universally conceded, we think, that the with the additional postage due at the prepaid rate, effectually rebuked and restrained the impulses and March 3d, 1855,) except where the omission to pay

repeatedly annoyed and injured in their business and . The act of March 3, 1855, making no provision persons by unwarrantable arrests and detentions - for unpaid letters to places within the United States, and all this, too, while Cuban spies are operating in on the same or day following any such unpaid letter our principal seaports and elsewhere at no risk and or letters being put into a post office, the postmaster subject to no inconvenience from our people. Amer- thereof will post up conspicuously in his office a list icans as busy in Cuba with the movements of the of the same, stating that they are held up for pospeople there as Cuban agents are here would be gar- tage. If not attended to, such letters must be re-

For further information of our readers, we give the

charged with additional postage, at the prepaid rate, according to distance, established by the act of

The present week has been one of unusual interest to the citizens of Wilson county, it being the week for the first term of the county court for the new

County Trustee, Macon Moye; Register, L. J. Sauls;

tivity pervades the place. - Goldsboro' Tribune. [From the Fayetteville Observer.]

At a meeting held at Alfordsville, Robeson county, on the 19th inst., preparatory to a regular mass meet- the wagon, returned in about an hour afterwards and ing at that place, it was

> ARCH'D. McRAE,) R. MONROE, Committee.

M. McRAE, AN EASY MEDICINE TO TAKE. - Wolfe, the schnapps writer to tell us which party to laugh at ? the crowd who were witnessing the operation of list of liquors rendered contraband by the Maine "Well, gentlemen, while in the Legislature, I gave have "seen life." Mr. Wolfe says: "It is an it will never do for large bundles-never."-Knick- lemon, or a portion of its rind. Accompanied by a full-flavored Havana cigar, the effect upon the spirits is delightful."

SHAVING ON SUNDAY .- The Boston Times ridiis original and not pirated like Harper. It is not a 17th. Commodore McCauley had not yet entered on latter took the purse. Lexington had the inside the barber shops to be closed on Sunday, and the

Freights to Europe have declined. The rates to the time, (7,26) only 64 seconds. According to this callatter is, in a majority of cases, a matter of necessity, culation, Lecompte is the fastest horse by 14 seconds! while the former is an indisputable luxury.

GREAT FIRE IN BOSTON. Destruction of Houses, Ships, Cotton, &c .- Loss

over Half a Million. Boston, April 28 .- A large fire broke out about three o'clock yesterday afternoon, on Battery wharf. and spread over East Boston ferry, Constitution, Lincoln and Battery whatves. The conflagration was not got under until about 5 o'clock. It commenced in a wooden building at the head of Battery wharf, -seeing that nature is poetically thus blessed—was on Commercial street, and the flames spread with resplendent with the reflected rays of the sun. The great rapidity, to Lincoln wharf and the People's grass seemed greener, the waters bluer, the skies Ferry wharf, also doing some damage on Constitu-

The new East Boston ferry buildings were destroved; also a new block of three story wooden build ir gs, owned by Arnold W. Taylor. Battery whart was swept clean, including nearly two thousand bales of cotton and a large quantity of beef, pork, this afternoon, from the residence on the corner of Sixth as rosin and other merchandise. On Lincoln wharf a Castle Streets. large quantity of wood, coal and lumber were de-

Among the principal sufferers by the fire are Noah Lincoln, coal and wood yard : the People's Ferry Company; George Matthews, sailmaker; Clark & Baker, salt dealers; Godbold & Son, M. Kelly, Geo. Bartoll's storehouse ; Pierce & Bacon's storehouse ; the rear portion of Messrs Windle & Clinkhard's boat building establishment ; Harris & Dillon, shipwright's and caulkers; Mayer, Rice & Co, lumber dealers; Allen & Weltch, and Harrison Fay. The Weigher's and Guager's office connected with the Custom House was also destroyed.

The ship Chancellor, with a valuable cargo of cotton and tobacco, was burned to the water's edge; ship Diana just from New Orleans, with a valuable cargo of cotton, pork, &c., was badly burned, and the cargo damaged. The ships General Gerry and John Bertram were towed into the stream with some damage to masts and rigging. Several other vessels suffered slight damage. Three engines and one hose carriage were destroyed, the firemen being surround-

The loss is estimated at from \$500,000 to \$800. 000, probably about one-half insured.

[London Correspondence of the New York Times.] What Disturbs England just now. The honneurs of the last week are divided between ed that every man of good sense has some humourous know not,—the fact we have, and it has led to the -went to grass. The coit, however, emulous of the Nesschode's circular, Manteufel's note, and Girardin's elements in his composition, for certainly the man same conclusion in the public mind here-not for fame of his long line of progenitors, continued to pamphlet, called Peace. I may say that the two first who cannot give and take a joke is radically defec. "the dimes, the soup or the wine"—the "old coach move the ground with flying feet—thundered down named diplomatic papers, highly important as they with naval stores, &c. and greys did the job" - and the oil was poured over the back stretch, put forth every nerve on the turn, are, have by far not excited such deeply laid sensathe waves of contention. Prediction of the multitude and came in a peerless winner-having distanced all tion of half astonishment and half anxiety in English political circles as one single passage -I should say one single word-in that pamphlet. M. Emile de LOUISIANA JOCKEY CLUB RACES, (Metairie Course.) Girardin's talismanic sentence is Gibraltar. There W P Elliot. dition: the insistence by France and Austria on the mutual and simultaneous disarming of Sebastopol and | Rae & Co.; with rough rice and naval stores. 1 1 Gibraltar as the first step to the emancipation of all seas, straits, rivers, &c. You cannot form any idea riss; with naval stores, &c. dam by imp. Florence. - - went to grass of the impression this passage has provoked. Not Flanner, with naval stores and cotton. that there should be any immediate danger to be expected, but because the hint at such a thing as the lers; with lumber, timber, &c. disarming of Gibralter could ever be insisted upon came to the mind of John Bull as an undreamt of Carolina, Georgia, and Florida - We are authorized idea. He never thought of such an eventuality be- Co.; with lumber, &c. and requested to state that the Postmaster General ing possible at all, and is quite bewildered to hear

determined to express its views and purposes with ter periods, in the hall of the Post Office Department, razed—the Russian fleet burnt-the Black Sea ruled by Britania-perhaps Cronstadt and Revel taken and Letters Part Paid, &c - We find the following arti- destroyed also! It was gratifying to muse over the idea that having once done with Russia's naval pow- 90 cents & bushel. "UNPAID LETTERS .- The number of unpaid let- er, England may, on some future day, for the disin-And for our part, we have sufficient confidence in the lers sent to the office since the law went into effect, terested protection of some sick man, enter into an 24@25. Coffee Rio, 12@13, Laguira, 131; St. Domingo men at the head of the government to await the re- on the 1st instant, increases daily. On Saturday adiance with Prussia and Russia against France, and to the President who shall be the Governor to be ap- The medal is in the form of a star, elaborately chased, sult without captious remark, believing that they there were upwards of 2,000 of this description of destroy Cherbourg, Brest. Toulon, with the French pointed in Reeder's place after that gentleman shall and bears on one side an eagle, and on the other an will conduct the matter with a due regard to the best letters, which, with all others received on or before fleet included. And lo, there comes M. G. rardin, and and bears on one side an eagle, and on the other an will conduct the matter with a due regard to the best letters, which, with all others received on or before fleet included. And lo, there comes M. G. rardin, and and bears on one side an eagle, and on the other an will conduct the matter with a due regard to the best letters, which, with all others received on or before fleet included. the 30th, will be forwarded to Washington on the 1st shakes Mr. Bull out of his reverie by telling him that \$1 00@0 00. Hides—Dry, 8@10; Green, 4@5. Lard 10@0 of May, and opened in the dead-letter department.— Gibralter must be disarmed at the same time as Se. Salt, liv'p. sack \$1 75@\$0 00; Alum, \$2 bu. 0 00@0 00. We are not of the "war party," if such a thing of May, and opened in the dead-letter department. - Gibralter must be disarmed at the same time as Se-

> Lexington Champion of the Course. The New Orleans Picayune gives the following

description of Lexington, the great four mile horse A description of the champion of the turf may be lesired by his numerous admirers: A blood bay, Turpentine, for the most part, is held firmly, and the demand about 15 hands 3 inches high, with fore and hind feet and pasterns and a small portion of his hind legs above the pastern joints white; his bones are not particularly large (except the back bone, which | in request, and selected has improved 25@371 cents poble is unusually so;) his muscle is abundant—clean, dry small barrels sold at low figures. The sales are 1,500 bld and sinewy, without any cumbrous flesh; his ears, which are hand-ome and wide apart, are beautifully placed; his head, though not small, is clean, bony and handsome—his nostrils being large, the jaw-bone uncommonly wide and the jaws wide apart, affording room for a clear and well detached throttle; his left eye full and mild, though animated; his right eye

and 48,69 days; a small lot, in tin, for California, 60, can no charge for package; 4,000 bbls. Newbern and Wilming ton Common Rosin, part to arrive. \$1 65@\$1 72½ \$310 fb.

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250 No. 1, \$1 80 \$2 80 fb.; 1,661 Washington and Wilming to Common Rosin, part to be approved. has lost its convexity from disease : a noble counten- mington Rope, \$3 25, and 1,400 Williamston and George ance, indicating good temper and disposition, for town, as it runs, \$2 121, in order, in yard. Rice-The ma which he is remarkable; his neck rises well from his shoulders and injusts his head admirably. His his shoulders and joints his head admirably His dent of which some lots changed hands among the dealer shoulder has a very wide hone, very strong, well within our range. displayed, particular oblique and rises sufficiently LIVERPOOL, April 14.- Iron-Welsh rails at £6 1s 616 body, are sufficiently wide apart for a good chest, and are long, muscular and strong. His back of medium white wheat 11s. 10d.@12s. 6d.; red 40s. 6d.@10s. 9d. length, coupling pretty well back; a loin wide, 42s. 6d.; new 37s.; Philadelphia and Baltimore, old, 42s. slightly arched and very powerful. His body will @43s.; new 40s @41s.; Ohio 43s. 6d. Corn, yellow at 4 bear the most rigid scrutiny-it looks perfection, be- 6d.@42s. 9a.; mixed 41s. 6d.@42s. Bark is steady and ng ribbed in the best possible manner, and very deep unchanged. Philadelphia 9s. 6d.; Baltimore 7s. 6d. throughout, which makes his legs appear short, and very deep pentine nothing doing. Tar is selling at 13s. Spir at 36s. Lindseed Oil 34s. 6d. Rosin 46s. 6d. Dye while at the same time he has a very great reach. are active at prices a little lower. Rice steady. Lard His hips are not remarkably wide, though strong, kegs 48@50s. Sugar and Coffee are firm. Breadstuffs, and in the sween down to, and embracing the hoof, market closed dull. The money market is easier. Bull instruction in regard to letters required to be "for- he rarely has an equal. The feet, though mostly white, are excellent, as are his legs, with good hone. and clean, strong, tendons and good proportions, uniting in their motion great ease and correctness .-His action cannot be surpassed: bold, free, elastic and full of power, and with his ease and elegance of action, and a remarkable racing-like form throughout, he unites great beauty and grandeur.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE. - We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Nicol, formerly Miss Bronte, who, under the nom de plume of Currer Bell, established a THE subscribers will offer at Public Sale, (if not p lasting reputation by the publication of Jane Eyre -The novels of Shirley and Villette are also from her county. The court was organized by the election of pen, and all are especially distinguised by great situated near Long Creek Bridge, New Hanover county. power of conception and vigorous portrayal of char-acter. Mrs. Nicol was the last of a family of six six thousand feet of lumber per day. There is an abun-Sheriff, Elias Barnes; Clerk, Washington Barnes; acter. Mrs. Nicol was the last of a family of six; she died at her father's house on Saturday, at Ha- creek, that can be purchased on reasonable terms. month is unquestionably Mr. Kingley's "Westward, borhood. Ho!" which seems to be in every body's hand. Mr. Wilson exhibits many evidences of improvement Thackeray will finish the Newcomes next month, and then purposes visiting the United States with a thirty miles of Wilmington. new course of lectures .- London Nat. Intelligencer.

> The following rich selection is going the round of be sold privately, if desired, before the day of sale. newspaperdom : HIBERNIAN -An Irishman, on being told to grease

said-"I've graiz'd every part of the wagon, inside Resolved, That Col. W. L. Steele, of Richmond, N. A. and out, yer honor, but by the blue hair o' Moses' McLean, T. J. Morisey, R. E. Troy, and T. A. Norment, Esqs., of Robeson, D. B. Baker, and L. Holmes, of Wilmington, be invited to address the meeting on the subject of the Now for the life of me I cannot determine which isted to settle matters amicably with the United gence between Baltimore and Washington, through Wilmington & Charlotte Railroad, on Thursday, the 10th of Now for the life of me I cannot determine which

servant to "grease the wagon," or the Irishman, who obeyed and greased the wagon. I think, however, the order to grease the wagon was rather the biggest bull. Would it not be well in such cases for the joke

weighing 1100 pounds. Any person wishing a good Stock Horse would do well to call and see him. He is pronounced by impartial judges, and men who are judges of horses, to be one of the finest horses ever raised in Duplin Coun-

OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY,

Teachey's Depot, N. C., Oct. 27th, 1854

WHO may visit Wilmington, will not only find the Any person or persons desirous to engage in the Largest and best Assortment of Clothing at Scott & ness, would do well to apply early, as he has great experson or persons desirous to engage in the Largest and best Assortment of Clothing at Scott & ness, would do well to apply early, as he has great experson or persons desirous to engage in the Largest and best Assortment of Clothing at Scott & ness, would do well to apply early, as he has great experson or persons desirous to engage in the largest and best Assortment of Clothing at Scott & ness, would do well to apply early, as he has great experson or persons desirous to engage in the largest and best Assortment of Clothing at Scott & ness, would do well to apply early, as he has great experson or persons desirous to engage in the largest and best Assortment of Clothing at Scott & ness, would do well to apply early, as he has great experson or persons desirous to engage in the largest and best Assortment of Clothing at Scott & ness, would do well to apply early and practical instance. 10 may visit Wilmington, will not only find the Baldwin's, but they will also be enabled to select from the in the business, and will give scientific and practical instructions. For further information address Princeton were there. The Jamestown left on the the recent race over the Metaire course, in which the cules the authorities of that city for compelling all ever offered. Scott & Baldwin are the sele agents for one of the LARGEST UMBRELLA MANUFATORIES in the United States, and can sell Scotch, Gingham and Silk Umbrellas at astonishingly low figures. Don't fail to buy at

> April 13th, 1855. FINE PANAMA HATS.—Opened, this day, a few dozen Gents' Fine Dress Panama Hats, a splendid article.

C. MYERS

In this county, on the 4th inst., by James Garrason, Esq. Mr. WILLIAM M. HANSLEY, to Miss HANNAH BORDEAUX.

In this town on the 26th inst., SARAH F., infant daughte of J. H. and R. A. Fillyaw. of J. H. and R. A. Fillyaw.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at 4 o'clock, from the residu of Mr. Daniel M. Foyles.

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In Washington, Beaufort county, N. C., suddenly, of erg. sipilas, on the 24th inst., Mr. THOS. LIDDEN, aged about 35 years, formerly of Wilmington, N. C.
In this town, last night, 29th inst., MARGARET HEF. LIN, infant daughter of Wm. G. and Margaret Ann Jane aged 17 months The friends of the family are requested attend the funeral this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, from the residence at Hilton Mills.

In this town, on yesterday, (Sunday,) 29th inst., AN DREW MACLEAN infant son of John and Sarah Griffith aged 13 months and 19 days. The friends and acquaintage f the family are invited to attend the funeral at 4 o'clock

Marine Intelligence.

PORT OF WILMINGTON, NORTH-CAROLINA ARRIVED. April 26-Brig Water Witch, Simpson, from Boston, vin Zele's Island, to George Harris. Schr. Telegraph, Mason, from Hyde County, to J.

Willard; with corn and peas. Villard; with corn and peas.
Schr. Charles Mills, Smith, from New York, to DeRose. Brown; with mdze. Steamer Fanny Lutterloh, Stedman, from Fayetteville,

Steamer Gov. Graham, Evans, from Fayetteville, to T. & B. G. Worth. 27.-Steamer Henrietta, Dicksey, from White Hall . Wessel & Ellers.
April 27.-Br. Schr. Wave, Green, from Kingston, (Ja.

maica,) in ballast, to Adams, Bro. & Co. April 28-Schr. M. E. Wells, Terry, from New York, C. C. Worth; with mdze. Steamer Flora McDonald, Hurt, from Fayetteville, to 7

Schr. Araminta, Marshall, from Baltimore, to Russella Schr. Bennet Flanner, Applegit, from New York, to J New Schr. Sea Foam, Chase, from New Bedferd, Mas to J. R. Blossom 29 .- Steamer Rowan, McRae, from Fayetteville, to w

Steamer Southerner, Elder, from Fayetteville, to Jas CLEARED.

April 27th.—Schr. Ocean Wave, Veazie,, for Boston, by & D McRae & Co.; with lumber and naval stores. Brig Louisa Sears, Kelly, for New York, by J H Flance Brig Reuben Carver, Marshall, for West Indies, by Russ & Bro ; with lumber, &c.

Schr. Exchange, Gray, for Baltimore, by Russell & Rewith naval stores, &c. Steamer Fanny Lutterloh, Stedman, for Fayettevilla April 28 -Schr. David Faust, Newcomb, for Philadelphia by T. C. Worth; with naval stores, &c. Schr. F. J Cummings, Venzie, for Boston, by J. & D. Mo.

Schr. Emily Ward, Ward, for New York, by George Ha Schr Southern Belle, Powell, for New York, by J Barque Saranae, Bullerdick, for Bremen, by Wessel & F April 28-Schr. J. H. Flanner, Peirce, for Boston to

Geo. Harriss; with naval stores and cotton. Schr. Harvest, Townsend, for Boston, by Adams, Bro. k Schr. Humming Bird, Morris, for New York, by J. Blossom; with naval stores, &c. 30-Barque Tivola, Moore, for Porto Rico, by Peirce & Dudley; with lumber and shingles. Barque Catherine, Watts, for Hull, Eng., by J. H. Plan.

ner; with turpentine. SMITHVILLE, N. C., April 30—Schr. St. Leon, Getel ell, for Boston, by P. Prioleau & Co.; with naval stores WASHINGTON, April 25 .- Naval Stores-Dip Turpen tine is dull; last sales \$2 40; Scrape do is in demand \$1 40 @ 1 50. Tar sells for from \$1 50 to 1 60-dull. Grain-Corn continues very scarce, and is selling to-day a

FAYETTEVILLE, April 26 .- Bacon 9@91. Beesway 00@00. Cotton-Fair to good, 81@81; ordinary to mid @84. Feathers 35@40. Flour-Family, 9 60@9 75; Super fine, 9 50@0 00; Scratched, 8 25@0 00. Grain-Corn 1 00

Cotton—We report a firm market; almost a quotable advance. Flour—Present figures hard to obtain. Corn quite firm at \$1 10. Wheat wanted at quotations.

NEW YORK, April 28.—(3 previous days)—Naval stores—Prime North County Turpentine has sold at \$3 25 # 28 To., and this price was refused by some holders-the demand however, appears to be limited-stock 8@9,000 bbls. Spirit for consumption is good, but there are some sellers at price below those generally asked, and the market is rather m-settled—stock on hand, 6@7,000 bbls. Common Rosin has improved 5 cents. with a good demand. Tar has continu Newbern Turpentine, at 23 25 \$280 fb.; 1,500 Spirits To pentine, chiefly 421@45 cents, cash, (embracing some yes day at 43@431, and 100 bbls. in prime shipping order

has decreased £125,000.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. SUPERIOR COURT OF LAW, SPRING TERM, 1855 ORDERLD, That hereafter the State Docket be taket Monday, instead of Thursday, as heretofore. Witnesses and others interested will be in attendance of Teste, KENNETH McLEOD, Cle

STEAM CIRCULAR SAW AND GRIST MILL

the 26th of May next, the STEAM MILL, Circula with Grist attached, known as the "NOVATON M of excellent yellow pine timber near to navigation,

Flats, carrying from fifty to seventy-five thousand for lumber, can, at any season of the year, come to the tide rising and falling some three feet. The Mill is This is a rare chance for those wishing to engage

business, and that desire to make money. The prop accommodating, and made known on day of sale. Long Creek, N. C., April 20.—33-ts

NEW SPRING GOODS. WE are now opening an entirely new and beautiful of Spring Goods, which we are offering at greater gains than ever before known in this city, and to white most respectfully invite the attention of the citizens of

mington and surrounding country. Our stock of ladies dress goods is complete, and most fashionable style; among which may be found? Bareges, DeLanes, Tissues, Challys, French Cambi Ginghams; with 1,000 pieces of American and Lugh icoes, -- together with a full stock of Housekeept Plantation Goods, such as Sheetings, Shirtings, Table Cloths, Tickings, Homespuns, Apron Checks Cloths, blue and white Spun Cotton, &c., &c. Ou has been purchased since the recent great decline in [nett cash, and will be sold to cash buyers at a very advance on cost. We would inform our friends that we adhere to the one price system, that we are willing '

our Goods, and that in no case do we urge a person from us beyond their pleasure. HEDRICK & RYAN. April 12 .- 32-tf.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. THE subscriber wishes to obtain five or six Appro aid him in the Machinist and Architectural bus Any person or persons desirous to engage in the above

Harrells' Store, N. H. Co., T EGHORN AND BRAID FLATS."-Girls Trimmed and Untrimmed Flats. Also, W. eghorn and Braid, untrimmed, for school Flats.

C. MYERS

April 13, 1855. A FINE LOT of Gold Head Walking Cayles, on What bone and Malacca Joints, just opened. April 13, 1855.